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RAT SABOTEURS WASTE AMERICAN RESOURCES

Subversive elements sabotaging the nation's food supplies and warehouse stocks of vital materials are the millions of rats harbored by careless or uninformed farmers and warehouse managers, the Fish and Wildlife Service stated today.

"The thoughtless scattering of grain, failure to place metal sheathing and guards on corncribs and storehouses, and the piling up of trash under or near buildings are all 'engraved invitations', as far as rats are concerned," Service officials warned. "Rats are now moving into buildings for the winter; it is a tragic waste to harbor and feed them."

Rats destroy millions of dollars worth of property each year—not only by eating and spoiling foodstuffs, but also by gnawing through protective wrappings on stored merchandise, and in setting fires by short-circuiting electric wires. A small sum spent in rat-proofing and rat-eradication is good insurance against possible heavy losses.

Leaflets and booklets on rat control may be obtained through State Extension Services at State Colleges, or through the Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C.

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